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An Encyclopaedia of Homoeopathy

Dr. Trevor Smith
Ariel Bookshop

42 Oxford St Paddington 2021
\$25.95

Arranged in four major sections, this book is a comprehensive alphabetical encyclopaedia of the major aspects of homoeopathic medicine. It delves into the history and background, the philosophy and approach of the homoeopathic physician, the common major illnesses and the recommended homoeopathic treatments and the essential key-notes of the remedies and their prescriptions.

Well written and clearly understandable, an added advantage to the collection of natural healing books.



The Way & The Power

Arthur Waley

Allen & Unwin,
8 Napier St, Nth Sydney
\$19.95

Regarded by many as one of the most gifted Chinese translators of modern times, Arthur Waley has unlocked the door to one of the most ancient and mysterious of all mystical books *The Tao Te Ching*.

His introduction and commentary provides the reader with background information and interpretation that is essential in understanding the wisdom of ancient China.



Earth Harmony

Nigel Pennick

Ariel Bookshop 42 Oxford St,
Paddington 2021
\$19.95

This book is devoted to explaining the ancient traditions of Earth Harmonies. The best known form of geomancy is the *Chinese Feng-Shui*, which has been subject to considerable study in the West.

The precise blending of natural and human-made forms and patterns is the basis of geomancy. Harmonizing human lives with the underlying structure of the universe - the cosmic order - by bringing opposing or complementary principles into dynamic balance.

"According to the traditional ways of earth harmony, life is to be lived in co-ordination with the natural order of things, the cyclic law of alternation, the vibrant patterns of spontaneous order".

Dealing with topics such as the hidden landscape, places of power and practical applications, the book is an essential tool for those looking to buy or build a home.



Tales of Natural & Unnatural Disasters

by Patricia Highsmith

Allen & Unwin, 8 Napier St,
Nth Sydney
\$29.95

Patricia Highsmith is author of many books, specializing in tales of murder, eeriness and intrigue. This book continues in the same favorite theme, but this time the stories contained within are based on real events, leaving the reader with an inspired imagination.

There are stories of how, when a pope stubbed his toe, revolution was launched and miracles happened, how a woman believing she was Cleopatra found happiness, explains what the tell tale smells of Nabuti really are, magic horror myths following in the wake of a furious whale; a bizarre pic-nic on the White House lawn and more.

For those of you who have a passion for the eerie and mysterious.



Patricia Highsmith

Pine Gap

Des Ball

Allen & Unwin, 8 Napier St, Nth
Sydney \$9.95

Author of several books, Professor Desmond Ball, Head of the Strategic & Defense Studies Centre at the Australian National University, has put together *Pine Gap* in as dispassionate a way as possible. As the most important US 'facility', Pine Gap is also the most controversial of all the installations in Australia.

The book compiles information, photographs, graphs, tables and maps. Chapters cover topics as Espionage and Arms Control Verification, Capabilities and Missions, Pine Gap, the Office of National Reconnaissance and the CIA. The book gives the reader all the tools to form an opinion about the purpose and functions of this US base.

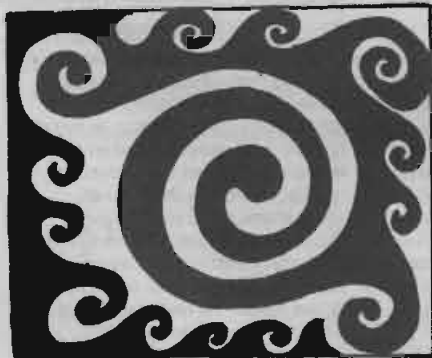
The Central Philosophy of Buddhism

T.R.V. Murti
Allen & Unwin, 8 Napier St,
Nth Sydney \$19.95

This book makes an intensive study of the Madhyamika school of Buddhism, founded this century by Nagarjuna, who is acclaimed as one of the greatest thinkers of all time.

Buddhism and its philosophy frequently undergoes change and regeneration, reformulating the insights of Buddha to fit different cultural contexts. This flexibility often leaves the Westerner confused by the sheer volume of its ideas. The author has made a superb effort of analyzing elements of this vast documentation and melds Buddhist thought in India with its parallels in certain Western philosophers, presenting the relevance of this ancient doctrine to the present time.

A must for student and anyone else who has an interest in Buddhism, this book is unique in its approach and makes things much simpler by its glossary of Hinduism.



End of a Journey

Philip Toynbee
Allen & Unwin, 8 Napier St, Nth
Sydney \$75.00

This is a journal kept in the last five years of Toynbee's life, continuing to the final days before his death.

It reflects his thoughts and feelings, calm and passionate, on God and the world. His difficulties encountered on his spiritual path, his life with his children and wife, the observations he made of the changing face of our times show Toynbee's insight into the human condition.

He was the leading reviewer for *The Observer* and was the son of historian Arnold Toynbee and grandson of the classical scholar Gilbert Murray. His experiences through the bohemian life of the thirties and forties give him an insight to the changes over the years, incorporating comments about T.V. programmes, news, reviews and more.



The Future of Astrology

Edited by A.T. Mann
Allen & Unwin, 8 Napier St,
Nth Sydney \$39.95

A compilation of essays written by some of the best astrologers in the world today. From England, US, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and France, the book covers varied topics - covering new links between astrology and biology, science versus astrology, psychology and astrology, research and counselling to name a few.

Certainly a different and varied approach to the many aspects and uses of astrology. Each essay is accompanied by a birth chart, biography and information on the author. A definite must for your collection, this book examines astrology in a modern light.

Internal Alchemy

John Burke
Nexus, P.O. Box A556 Sydney South
\$26

Compiled as a magical source and guide book, John Burke has done a good job of outlying, explaining and offering to the new-seeker (neophyte) a wholistic approach to the awakening of awareness.

The work involved in breaking down old conditioning or programmes is a lengthy one for most of us. Each needs to proceed at their own pace and this book provides the tool to the beginnings of being able to practice and understand our inner selves, our magical selves.

Complete with full colour graphics, diagrams and explanations on how to do rituals, visualizations and other alchemic practices.

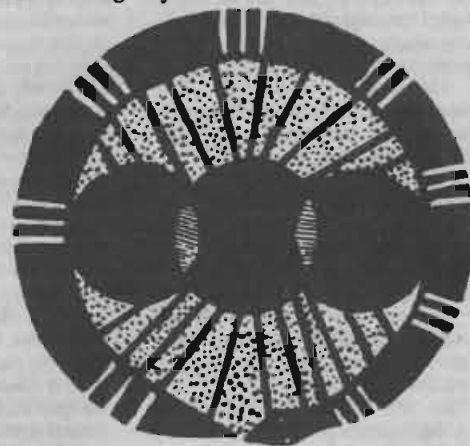
Understanding Aboriginal Culture

by Cyril Havecker

Cosmos, Box 267. P.O. Lane Cove
NSW 2066 \$10

A wonderful book compiled by the author through his personal involvement with Aboriginals, especially the Warramunga tribe, of which he is a blood brother.

This book looks at and traces the records left by the wise or clever men of the Aborigines which tell of the myths about the creation of the universe and the use of extrasensory perception to gain access to information. The book also translates to a modern perspective Aboriginal peoples' strong religious philosophies, perceived by their unique culture; how they live by the laws of Dreamtime; how the land responds to magic rituals; and sacred legends and traditions. The book presents all these topics and many more in a readable and fascinating way.



Journey Into the World of Metaphysics, Vols 1 & 2

Dr Joseph S. Chiappalone
P.O. Box 639, Penrith, NSW, 2750
\$4.95 & \$9.95.

"It is no coincidence that many are searching in this day and time for true spiritual significance in their lives. The reason is that a dramatic time of change has arrived on this planet. Our inner being knows about this time of change and is impressing upon our physical minds the need to awaken and awaken quickly lest the chances offered in this period of change are lost."

These books attempt to explain the extraordinary: - the occult, reincarnation, karma, rebirthing, astral travel, the Sirius mystery and many more experiences occurring in the field of metaphysics. A useful, insightful and interesting set of books on metaphysical and spiritual subjects.